



THE PARKS REPORT

A Monthly Summary of Birmingham's System of Parks & Recreation Facilities

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"If you have found a quiet bench in a quiet park and sat down, be sure you had a profitable day."

— Mehmet Murat ildan



Friends of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens (FOBBG) install new \$125K directional signage at the intersection .

Sign of Progress

Thanks to a new structure being erected by the FOBBG, 31,000 monthly visitors to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens will no longer get confused by the lack of signage at The Point, the intersection where Cahaba and Lane Park Roads meet, and find themselves at the Birmingham Zoo. Now, we like the zoo, but why strain your neck to view a giraffe when 67.5 acres of serene paths, 30-plus works of outdoor sculpture, and more than 20 unique gardens await.

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Rotary Trail Encourages Exploration of City Center

It's only a half mile in length, stretching from 20th Street South to 24th Street South, but the Rotary Trail has become a portal that transports locals through time, to enjoy the old and new beauty of the city.

Opened in 2016, the multi-million dollar project was championed by the city's Rotary Club in recognition of its centennial year celebration.



The entrance to the trail is anchored by the sign that reads, "Rotary Trail in the Magic City."

#OpenForPlay

Birmingham Park and Recreation venues offer rental space for seminars, weddings, parties, workshops and other activities...

VENUE:

MARCH REVENUE:

Botanical Gardens	\$5,452.00
Legion Field Stadium	\$0.00
Recreation + Sports Facilities	\$22,010.00
Open Park Reservations	\$1,700.00



Revenue from reservations in March 2021 totaled \$29,162.00

March Park Maintenance by the Numbers

HORTICULTURE CREW: prepared fields at *Cooper Green* and *George Ward* for game play; cleaned 4,492.69 acres of parks; removed 898 bags of litter; cut grass at *Avondale*, *W.C. Patton*, *Ensley*, *George Ward*, *One Pratt* and *Cooper Green* parks, 355.86 acres; delivered 266.73 tons to the landfill; assisted volunteers with clean-up day at *Avondale Park* on March 20; assisted volunteers with clean-up day at *4th Avenue History Park* on March 13 and 20; assisted *Arlington House* with pressure washing the facility; cleaned and examined storm shelters at *Smithfield*, *North Pratt* and *Sandusky/Jimmie Hudson*; **CARPENTERS/MAINTENANCE CREW:** repaired doors and locks at *Roosevelt City Recreation Center*, *Central Park Recreation Center* and *North Birmingham Recreation Center*; installed new exercise equipment at *East Pinson Valley Park*; installed new basketball goals at *North Birmingham Recreation Center*; installed new dugout and backstop at *Woodward Park*; installed new entrance at *Linn Park*; planted five trees at *Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center*; buffed floors at *Avondale Villa*; installed a Little Library at *Caldwell Park*; installed World Games 2022 sign at *Avondale Park*; installed "Reservations Required" sign at *Vulcan Trail*; re-installed sign at *Highland Park Racquet Club* and *Boswell-Highland Golf Course*; **HVAC CREW:** technicians are performing routine maintenance on A/C units at all facilities; **ELECTRICIAN CREW:** worked on various jobs at *storm shelters*, *Lowery Park*, *Legion Field Stadium*, *Avondale Park*, *Fountain Heights Recreation Center*, *North Pratt Park*, *East Thomas Park*, *Oxmoor Valley Community Center* and *Birmingham Botanical Gardens*; **PAINTERS CREW:** working on various jobs at *Legion Field Stadium* as preparation for the Magic City Classic; removed graffiti from the cannon at *Altamont Park*; **PLUMBERS CREW:** worked on various jobs at *Avondale Park*, *Rose Garden*, *Birmingham Botanical Gardens*, *Legion Field Stadium*, *Roosevelt City Park*, *East Pinson Valley Park*, *Greenwood Park*, *Crestwood Park*, *Rickwood Field*, *Oxmoor Valley Community Center*, *Bessie Estell Park*, *George Ward Park Softball Complex* and *Cooper Green Park Baseball Complex*.



The City of Birmingham and Legion Field Stadium extend a big welcome to the players, students, fans and administrations of Alabama State University and Alabama A&M University.

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The Botanical Gardens is the place area residents and visitors to the city often gravitate to for a stroll amongst colorful flowers and the quiet sounds of nature, science curriculum-based field trips, adult educational programs, expert gardening help from the plant diagnostic laboratory, a satisfying meal at The Gardens Café, a shopping spree at Leaf & Petal, or a walk just to up the number of your steps for the day.

Many people find the Botanical Gardens to be a perfect venue for a wedding or business meeting. You may reserve a place for your next special event by calling 205-414-3908 or 205-414-3909, Mon.-Fri. The main number for the facility is 205-414-3900.

www.bbgardens.org



Birmingham Botanical Gardens/Japanese Gardens

Upcoming

April 30 - May 1, UAB Graduation Ceremonies, Legion Field.

May 29, FunkFest, Legion Field

June 5, Birmingham Park and Rec/ District 2 Family Fishing Rodeo.

June 7, Park and Recreation Summer Camps start.